(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to ensure the full and effective utilisation of external funds in the health sector ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Heavy Passenger Load on Khatihar—Barauni Section of North—Eastern Railway

*435. SHRI NARESH YADAV :

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Katihar—Barauni Section of North—Eastern Railway carries heavy passenger load;

(b) whether it is also a fact that passengers travelling in this 180 KM route face a great hardship due to this;

(c) If so, whether Government would start an inter-city or a DMU train for this Section; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

News Item regarding HIV cases in India

*436. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of 10th April, 1994 under the caption "Maximum HIV cases in India";

(b) whether it is a fact that as stated in the above report India has more HIV infection cases than any other country in the world;

(c) whether it is a fact that if transmission of HIV continues at the same pace, by 2000 AD there will be five million infected people in Delhi and the number of AIDS cases would exceed one million in the country;

(d) if the answers to parts (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the facts in this regard;

(e) what is the number of HIV cases in the country Statewise as on 21st March, 1994;

(f) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check and prevent the HIV infection; and

(g) what are the details of the AIDS Awareness (Control) programmes Government have so far launched?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No reliable data in this regard is available.

(c) and (d) It is not true that by 2000 AD there would be 5 million HIV-infected people in Delhi. The likely number of AIDS cases by the turn of the century cannot be forecast with certainty.

(e) The cumulative state-wise figures of HIV infections out of total of 20.53 lakh samples screened are as under :

No.	State	Sero-Positive
1.	Andhra Pradesh	143
2.	Assam	5
3.	Bihar	3
4.	Punjab/Chandigarh	165
5.	Delhi	927
6.	Goa	357
7.	Gujarat	336
8.	Haryana	84